

**“Poor Choices and Difficult Days”**

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Psalm 25:1-21

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***Introduction:***

As the story turns back to David in 1 Samuel 27, 29, and 30, we notice there is a very important person missing - \_\_\_\_\_.

We will see in our story today that David makes some poor choices that will lead to some difficult days, amounting to \_\_\_\_\_ months of disobedience and \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

***The Story***

- A. David ends up in a bad way and place for several reasons.
  - 1. It begins with a \_\_\_\_\_ viewpoint.
  - 2. This leads to \_\_\_\_\_ reasoning.
  - 3. He \_\_\_\_\_ and came to the wrong \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. So what did David do? He literally joined \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.
- C. The results of David’s poor choices:
  - 1. A false sense of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Submission to the adversary’s \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. A lengthy period of \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. We also see that David’s choices led to the following:
  - 1. We see that \_\_\_\_\_ begins to mark David’s steps.
  - 2. He begins to act out in a cruel and \_\_\_\_\_ fashion.
  - 3. David begins to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. The good news is that even when we may have \_\_\_\_\_ God, He won’t \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- F. Achish’s leaders were afraid that David would be like a \_\_\_\_\_, and would \_\_\_\_\_ against them.
- G. So David and his men headed \_\_\_\_\_ only to really hit \_\_\_\_\_.
- H. There are only two choices when a person reaches that spot. They either jump off into \_\_\_\_\_, or they \_\_\_\_\_ up and \_\_\_\_\_ out to God.
- I. The first time in 16 months, David said, “Oh \_\_\_\_\_, please help me.”

***II. The Application***

- A. The one lesson I hope we will learn from today’s story is: Turning to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Him is always the most important thing.

Answer Key: Intro.: A. God. B. 16, distance. I.A.1. humanistic. I.A.2. pessimistic. I.A.3. rationalized, conclusion. I.B. forces, enemy. I.C.1. security. I.C.2. cause. I.C.3. compromise. I.D.1. duplicity. I.D.2. savage. I.D.3. dishonesty. E. abandoned, abandon. I.F. Trojan, Horse, fight. I.G. home, rock, bottom. I.H. oblivion, look, cry. I.I. God. II.A. Lord, trusting.